(c) The completion of the work will depend upon the overall availability of resources and no target date for completion of the work has yet been fixed.

(d) An amount of Rs. 10.00 crore has been provided for the work in Budget 2006-07.

(e) A total of 11 stations comprising of 4 halt stations and 7 crossing stations have been proposed on the section excluding Bidar (Khanapur) and Gulbarga which are existing stations.

Special purpose vehicles to fund port connectivity

3002. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry plans to set up seven special purpose vehicles to fund port connectivity projects with public private partnership;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating those falling in the Orissa State; and

(c) how far these project would help the steel plants located in Orissa in fast movement of freight traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has signed five Memorandum of Understanding for creating project specific Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for following port connectivity projects—Bharuch-Dahej Gauge Conversion, Surat-Hazira New Line, Bhildi-Samdari Gauge Conversion, Obulavaripalle-Krishnapatnam, New Line, and Haridaspur-Paradip New Line. Haridaspur-Paradip New Line is the only port connectivity project in Orissa with public-private partnership.

(c) Haridaspur-Paradip New Line in Orissa is expected to handle iron ore traffic between Banspani and Paradip Port and Coking Coal from Paradip Port to various steel plants.

Upgradation scheme in Orissa

3003. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start up-gradation scheme of rail